

The Intelligencer.

The Assessment of the Baltimore & Ohio Road in this County.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of this county had a meeting at their rooms at the Court House last night, at which the question of an adjustment of the county taxes in arrears against the Baltimore & Ohio road, and also the question of future assessments, were discussed. These arrears include six years' taxes (1870 to 1875, inclusive), and foot up some fourteen or fifteen thousand dollars. It is understood that the company claims that their assessment (\$190,000) has been too high, and they desire the Board of Commissioners to revise the same and reduce it to a more equitable basis. They are willing to pay on an assessment of \$125,000 per year, commencing with the year 1876, and will pay \$30,000 for the arrears of taxes due for the six years previous to 1876. The Finance Committee took a favorable view of the relations of the city and county to the railroad company, and in a spirit of conciliation, and with a desire to encourage the company to extend their operations in our midst, especially in the way of adding to their shops, unannouncedly agreed to recommend to the Board an adjustment of arrears at \$20,000, and of future assessments, commencing with last year, at \$125,000.

The Board meets to-day, and among other business will take up the action of the Finance Committee for consideration. We have no doubt that they will ratify it.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Bellairs Street Railway stock is offering at 60 cents on the dollar in town. Owing to the fact that some of the subscribers to this stock are in arrears for their subscriptions, the company are offering a loan in this market. They have issued \$4,000 first mortgage bonds at 7-10 per cent. interest, and \$3,000 second mortgage at 5 per cent. interest. Of this loan, \$3,000 of the first mortgages were placed some time ago, and there remains \$1,000 first mortgage and \$3,000 second mortgage. The bonds are offered at par. The road and equipment cost about \$20,000, and these bonds are a mortgage upon it.

C. W. Brookner, Esq., who is traveling in the East, finds things very dull in the glass business.

General business seems to be dull in the region of Charleston, judging from a paragraph in the last Courier.

"We were speaking to a commercial traveler the other day and asking him how trade was. He said he could hardly give ground away; that, when he called on a mill (which is something unusual) it is dull everywhere else. Everything seems to indicate dull times here."

The nail market is discussed as follows by the Pittsburgh Manufacturer of yesterday:

"The general position of the market remains substantially as noted in our last report. Business continues quiet; buyers apprehensive of an advance, continue to buy pretty freely, while makers in view of the fact that current rates afford little or no margin of profit, some claim that they do not more than cover actual cost of production, are indifferent about selling. As noted in these columns a few weeks since, there is a general opinion on the part of makers to selling large lots, some of them are refusing to sell except on supply immediate wants of regular customers, and the market is firm but unchanged."

Concerning the termination of the strike among the window glass employees at Pittsburgh the Manufacturer remarks as follows:

"The most important matter we have to record is the ending of the strike, the strikers and employers having agreed to resume work at the old rates and those factories stopped in consequence of the strike will be started up at once. Our manufacturers all have very fair stocks, but many of them were short of small sizes, and experienced more or less difficulty in filling orders, and in a few days a few factories were obliged to borrow from one another. Trade is backward, as compared with what it should be at this season of the year. No change in card or discounts, which we continue to quote at 10 per cent. for the cash, and 10 to 15 per cent. for small lots."

A reporter of the Dispatch has been visiting the hotels in Pittsburgh with a view of ascertaining their experience in the way of a revival in trade. The proprietor of the well-known Monongahela house reported as follows: "Business at this season is pretty good, and is spring, but it is not by any means as good as in former years, say from 1872 to 1875. In response to the question, 'Does not your business date from the panic of 1873?' Mr. C. replied that the panic did not begin to be felt by hotel keepers for a year after it wind up, and that in other business, the late reduction of rates, at this house, does not seem to have increased its patronage. The fact is, many of the old patrons of this house are now stopping at the second and third class hotels. Before the reduction of rates, the business of this house was doing a business of \$200,000 a year, and it is doing no more than that now. Hence the cash receipts are \$50,000 per annum less than before the reduction. The reduction in the running expenses will not amount to much. Dining room men who formerly received \$22 per month, and chambermaids who were paid \$10 per month, refused to stand a reduction of 10 per cent. It is a fact, therefore, that the reduction in rates was attended with heavy loss. The number of guests registered at the house since April 1st is 1,250."

The most interesting experience was that given by the Superintendent of the United Depot Hotel. This house made a reduction in its rates a few months ago to \$3 per day from \$3.50. They also reduced the force of employees and their wages, and claim that they are now making more money than they did before the reduction. "They say a great change has come over the men who travel. They are formerly more regular, take a room and keep it all day, they now go to the bath-room, which is free, after which they transact their business, take a cheap lunch somewhere, it is supposed, but are loath to supper. Thus the house only gets paid for two meals where they formerly got for three, and a roomer who formerly paid for the same roomer the reduction in rates, however, has brought a class of patrons who formerly patronized the cheaper houses. Included in this class are the commercial travelers, a

great many of whom at present occupy rooms. The increase in patronage, it is claimed, more than compensates for the reduction. The register shows that from April 11th to April 25th, 1,200 persons have taken two or more meals in the house, and the clerks state that fully as many more (through passengers on the trains) have taken meals there whose names do not appear on the register. At present the larger portion of the patrons at this hotel are from the oil regions.

The Pittsburgh Gazette seems to think that the days of protective tariffs are numbered. The Philadelphia North American takes pretty much the same view. The latter paper remarks as follows:

"The long and the short of it all appears to be that protection is doomed; that free trade is coming; that Pennsylvania is knocked sky high; that all distinctive Republican leaders who had anything to do with the war and reconstruction are tabooed, and that everything is lovely and the Democratic goose hangs high."

The Chicago Tribune of the 25th discusses the wheat market quite fully. It expresses the opinion that wheat will advance to a higher point than it has yet reached, but admits that it is now regarded as dangerous property, and says that the "wiser class of operators are withdrawing from the trade as rapidly as possible, and that they intend to hold until the excitement is past." The Tribune also comments on the corn market, and observes that "a pound of wheat is now selling at just about three times as much as a pound of corn, taking No. 2 in each case; yet the first is strong, while the latter is weak. The secret of the matter is that wheat is scarce, while corn is in plenty. 'Everything' is favorable to the bull side in corn, except the insignificant fact of big stocks everywhere." That little sentence tells the whole story about this one, and exactly the reverse is true of the other."

Meeting of the St. Clairsville Presbytery at Martin's Ferry.

The Presbytery of St. Clairsville met at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday at 2 P. M. There are in this Presbytery forty-six churches and twenty-six ministers. All of the churches were represented with but two exceptions. The exercises were opened with a sermon by J. C. Holliday, a candidate for licensure, from 2d Corinthians, 5 and 17. The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by Rev. G. W. Chaffin, the last Moderator present. The roll was called and all were found present. The following ministers were invited and took seats as corresponding members: Rev. E. Boyd, of the Presbytery of Louisville; Rev. Wm. Wier, U. P. Presbytery of Wheeling; Rev. Joseph Gledhill, East Ohio M. E. Conference; Rev. W. J. Duns, Baptist Association of Marietta.

Rev. T. J. Milford was elected Moderator, and Rev. Samuel McHenry temporary clerk. The minutes of the last meeting of the Presbytery were read and approved.

The order for 4 P. M. was made for the reception and examination of candidates. Appearing before the Presbytery were Mr. T. C. Armstrong, a licentiate, who is ordained as an evangelist to labor in Missouri, Matthew 23, 9, was assigned as a text for a sermon to be preached by him to-morrow at 3 P. M., as part of a trial for ordination. The ordination service was assigned to take place Wednesday evening, Rev. R. T. Armstrong to preach the sermon, Rev. McK. Williamson to preside and propose the constitutional questions and the ordination prayer, Rev. T. J. Milford to give the charge to the candidates, and Rev. Bernard presented himself and being examined on the experimental religion and his views in seeking the ministry, was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Messrs. Holliday and Chaffin were examined on Science, examination sustained.

Adjourned.

7 P. M.—The Presbytery met and continued the examination of the candidates, after which they took a recess to attend to the women's missionary meeting, in the main body of the church.

Wednesday morning at half past eight o'clock the Presbytery resumed their labors and remained in session until midnight, with the exception of an hour at noon. A large amount of business was transacted.

The ordination of Mr. Armstrong took place in the evening and the exercises were very interesting.

Messrs. J. C. Holliday and Workman were licensed to preach. Mr. Holliday is a native of Ohio, and called, but as he has another year at school, of course he cannot yet accept.

A call from the Church at Barneville was placed in the hands of Rev. St. Clair, who was just received into this Presbytery from that of Philadelphia.

Mr. Pringle, a student of the Allegheny Seminary, received a call from the Church at Mt. Pleasant.

Reverends Smith and Hattery, and Elders Kennen and Campbell were elected representatives to the General Assembly, from the Presbytery of Allegheny.

That quite all the churches within the bounds of the Presbytery are in a prosperous and good condition, both spiritually and financially.

Bellaire Local.—Two freight trains collided near the stock yard Tuesday evening last. With the exception of two wrecked engines, no damage or loss of life resulted therefrom.

Mr. Jacob Maser, residing two miles west of town, brings daily to our market some fine samples of apples at \$1.50 per barrel.

Our building mechanics are complaining bitterly at this season. The dilution for any kind of improvements is unprecedented.

We have about 75 street gas lamps in one operation, and three live lamp lighters, who in addition to their ordinary duties, also perform the functions of night police, to protect our slumbering community against any possible depredations of robbers, thieves or herds of common tramps. These guardians of the peace gave bond in the sum of \$500 for the faithful discharge of their duties. Their salary is \$30 per month.

The M. E. Church is undergoing some improvements.

Daniel Quinlan, of Wheeling notoriety, is in our city lockup. He was trying to practice some neat little games on our people.

A man named Baker had his arm crushed between two freight cars near the Bellaire Rail Works.

Fleets of coal barges are now daily passing down the Ohio river.

The arrivals at the Centennial and Globe hotels are about even.

The medical force of our city has increased by the addition of Drs. Anderson and Woodbridge, to the number of twenty-two. A little army, but there is room for more.

A lad named Robert Walker was run over by a wagon, loaded with lumber, Wednesday last, and received considerable injuries.

A colored gentleman named W. Johnson, known as the city white wash, died at his residence on Monday last, of an illness of four months' duration.

licities for years past, attempted the life of his betrothed and himself, in a frenzy, caused by rumor of his wife's infidelity, as a 'Dead End' man. Mr. Johnson has left for parts unknown.

Pay day on Saturday at Capt. Wallace's cooper shop, the first since the cooper's strike.

An old German tramp applied at the Mayor's office for lodging Wednesday, but was refused, though told that he traveled over one hundred miles last week, without receiving any warm food.

Mrs. Minnie Sanford, of Clarion, Ohio, formerly a resident of our city, has filed a petition for a divorce from her husband, David K. Sanford, in our Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. John T. Crawford, residing between the city and the Roman Catholic Cemetery, west of our city, lost over fifty chickens this month. Last Monday night he detected and shot the thief—a fox.

Cherry trees are in blossom about here. Drunken troops to perform at Zlick's Hall this week.

Bellaire supports three weekly and one semi-weekly newspapers. A German paper in our place is seriously talked of.

Mr. John Frazier, of the Wallace Corner, has removed to Martin's Ferry. The stench in our alleys on any rainy or rainy day is sickening, and calculated to do mischief if not removed soon.

Our two flour mills are doing an extra good business, and charge \$3.50 per barrel for good family flour.

A band of Gypsies passed through here Sunday last. What next?

Look out next week for a lecture, by Mr. B. Cole, on the remedial qualities of his medical compounds and extracts.

Captain Muhleman, of the steamer *Wheat*, has extended an invitation to West Virginians to accompany him upon his first trip to Cincinnati and back on the new steamer.

Farmers who live in our vicinity report prospects favorable for a good wheat crop.

J. E. D.

Steuensville Despoiled by a Gynant.

Gaston of yesterday.

The rope walker who visited our city yesterday and performed on a rope stretched from the St. Nicholas to the Stanley House is no "side." He is used to getting three or four hundred dollars by collections each day, and inasmuch as eight dollars was the sum total in the hat he took to Steuensville, he must have got through his show in a very short time.

The people in a very inquiring manner, stating that they should be ashamed of themselves for not delivering up their pocket books to him.

The socks and handkerchiefs are fairly at work for the season, and are seemingly well patronized already. The abundance and low price of ice promises to make the business profitable during the coming summer.

A faint showing of green is noticeable about the woods across the river, some varieties of trees already putting out their leaves.

River News.

There were about 8 feet of water in the channel yesterday, and falling.

The Granite Steamer passed down at 3 A. M., en route from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati.

The Ragon left for Parkersburg at her usual hour. The Science will be the regular packet to-day.

The Express passed down last night, en route for Parkersburg.

The Kerr will leave for Pittsburgh this morning at 6 o'clock.

The Hudson is due from Cincinnati to-day.

The local packets are moving about as usual, and appear to be doing a pretty fair business.

The Memphis Appeal says: Captain James Reese, Jr., has purchased the machinery of the Elia for \$10,000, and the Gov. Garland for \$300, for Capt. John Kyle, of Cincinnati.

The U. S. Marshal on Monday sold the wreck of the stern-wheel steamer *Alex. Kendall* to Captain Nat. Williams, of Madison, Ind., for \$1,000. She will be taken to Madison and rebuilt.

The Sinking City had to pay Paducah \$1 for the privilege of buying \$1,000 bushels of coal there.

Within the next day or two the cold belt will be homebound bound with tons of empty barges.

The towboat *Monterey*, sunk Monday near Elizabeth, was raised Tuesday night.

(By Telegraph.)

PITTSBURGH, April 26.—River 5 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather cloudy.

CAIRO, April 26.—Arrived—Bigley, St. Louis. Departed—Coal City, Ohio river. River 38 feet and falling.

EVANSTON, April 26.—Weather cold, cloudy and damp. Light rain all night and drizzling all day; wind from the northeast; mercury 55° to 62°.

LOUISVILLE, April 26.—Departed—Morgan, New Orleans; Church, Cincinnati; O'Connell, Memphis. River falling, with heavy rain in canal. Weather misty.

SHERREVEPORT, April 26.—Cloudy and warm. River rose 6 inches.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—No arrivals. Departed—City of Augusta, Arkansas river. Cloudy and warm.

LEXINGTON, April 26.—Steady rain all day. River stationary, but will probably be rising to-morrow, as the small streams are overflowing their banks; 10 feet by gauge.

NASHVILLE, April 26.—River stationary. Departed—Cairo, Cairo.

CINCINNATI, April 26.—River 22 feet 1 inch and falling. Arrived—Laura Davis, St. Louis. Departed—Houston, New Orleans. Weather rainy and cool.

Weather Indications.

FOR THE MIDDLE STATES, northeast to southeast winds, partly cloudy weather and in southern portions light rains with a slight rise followed by falling barometer. No change in the temperature.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, slightly warmer east to south winds, falling barometer, threatening cloudy and rain.

For the Lake regions, partly cloudy weather and, in the southern portions, light rain, with north to east winds, stationary or slowly falling barometer, and slight changes in temperature.

Obituary.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—Charles Lebaron Frye, eldest son of the late Captain James Frye, died to-day, aged 21.

CINCINNATI, April 26.—Wm. S. Davis, U. S. Treasurer at Cincinnati, died to-day, of an illness of four months' duration.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER.

Temperance at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, April 26.

Messrs. Kemple and Trueman held a temperance meeting to-night and also one last night. Both were a grand success. Many are signing the pledge. There is no doubt of success. We are expecting aid from Wheeling.

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WASHINGTON.

NO APPOINTMENT TO THE RUSSIAN MINISTER.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—There is authority from the Executive Mansion for the statement that no one has been decided on for Minister to Russia.

A LIST OF WANTS.

A delegation of whites and blacks of the Labor League of the United States called on the President to-day, and made an address requesting him to embody in his message to Congress a recommendation for an appropriation of money for internal improvements to give employment to the idle laborers; also to recommend the restoration of suffrage in the District of Columbia, and the payment of \$10,000 to the workmen defrauded by contractors under Bond of Public Works.

REPLY OF THE PRESIDENT.

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